

REMARKS

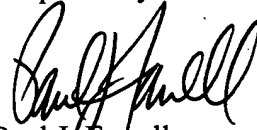
Claims 1-9 are pending in the application. On September 8, 2005 a telephone interview was conducted between the Examiner and the Applicants' representation, Michael J. Musella, to discuss the rejections and possible allowance of this application. It was the Examiner's position that the amendments contained in the Response of August 18, 2005 did not clearly distinguish the claims from the art of record.

Please amend Claim 1 as set forth herein. No new matter has been added.

Independent Claim 1 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 2-9, these are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on their respective amended independent claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of dependent Claims 2-9 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-9, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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